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Missouri Women's Council Invite All to Celebrate Women's Right to Vote

The Missouri Women's Council is promoting Women's Equality Day, which is August 26 and was designated to commemorate the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution granting women the right to vote.

Legislation sponsored by Representative Bella Abzug of New York, passed Congress in 1971 designating August 26 as "Women's Equality Day."

The 19th Amendment was the culmination of a massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women that had its formal beginnings in 1848 at the world's first women's rights convention, in Seneca Falls, New York.

Cheryl Grazier, executive director of the Missouri Women's Council, explained that Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality. Workplaces, libraries, organizations, and public facilities now participate with Women's Equality Day programs, displays, video showings, or other activities.

"It is our duty to continue toward equality in all aspects of life, commemorate the past achievements of our pioneering foremothers, and strive to improve life for all Missouri citizens," said Grazier. "By honoring the accomplishments of the women's civil rights movement, we not only remember where we've come from, but paint a clear picture of where we need to go."

For more information, contact the Missouri Women's Council toll-free at 1-877-426-9284 or at 573-751-0810. Information is also available on the Council web site at www.womenscouncil.org. The women's council is part of the Department of Economic Development's Division of Workforce Development.